

National Operations Update

As of 7:30 a.m., 31 Jan 2022

Emergency Preparedness Secretariat

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MAIN POINTS

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- Updated: Summary of Canada Unity Convoy 2022 planned demonstration.

CURRENT OPERATIONS/ISSUES:

COVID-19

Current RFA Update

Jurisdiction	RFA	Status
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Potential New RFAs being considered

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IQALUIT WATER SAFETY

- News media reporting calls mount for public inquiry into Iqaluit water crisis. The Government of Nunavut has stated its intent on proceeding with an independent third-party review in conjunction with the City of Iqaluit.
- As of 28 Jan, Nunavut's Health Department has lifted a precautionary boil-water advisory for the City of Iqaluit. The advisory was put in place on 19 Jan when the city started using a bypass system to pump water to residents.
- Nunavut MP Lori Idlout (NDP) is calling for \$180M to end the water emergency in Iqaluit, in a letter dated 21 Jan to Infrastructure and Communities Minister Dominic Leblanc. No specifics provided on what the funds would be used for, but Mayor Kenny Bell recently stated that the city needs a new water source and treatment plant.
- Some residents have reported a return fuel smells in water. Although slight levels of hydrocarbons have been detected in the water, these levels are within an acceptable range.

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CANADA UNITY CONVOY 2022 – PLANNED DEMONSTRATION (28-29 JAN)

- Demonstrators continue to gather on and around Parliament Hill and trucks have yet to move from their position. At its peak on 29 Jan an estimated 8,000 people attended. There is no timeline for when the demonstrations might end; speakers are planned for Confederation Park on Monday 31 Jan.
- PM is expected to make a press conference on 31 Jan at 1115 hrs.
- While the demonstration remained mostly peaceful, several criminal investigations by the Ottawa Police Service are underway in relation to the desecration of the National War Memorial, the Terry Fox statue and threatening and intimidating behaviour to police and city workers, including damage to a city vehicle. A strong police presence remains on site.
- On 29 Jan, the MEP and MND approved a request for Assistance to Law Enforcement (ALEA) from the Ottawa Police Service (Province of Ontario) to use of the Cartier Drill Hall/Parking Lot as a staging area for OPS and assisting law enforcement agencies.
- A NOTAM has been issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa extending from Victoria Island to New Edinburgh, including the Byward Market, Lowertown and over the Ottawa River, to include a section of downtown Hull/Gatineau.
- There is concern that individuals with a range of views, some ideologically motivated with violent extremist action, could exploit the convoy to promote action that pose a risk to the public and officer safety. No substantiated threats or credible plans have been identified at this time.
- Three Ports of Entry have seen protest activity: Windsor, ON, Coutts, AB, Emerson, MB. CBSA are not reporting any impacts to operations.
- As of 30 Jan, Freedom Convoy 2022 has raised over \$8.6M in fundraising support.
- The convoy could pose a threat to the physical security of the Parliamentary Precinct and significant disruptions to parliamentary operations are expected: A number of road closures remain in place in the NCR.
- The Crisis Management Cell (CMC) assesses the impact to PMO/PCO assessed as HIGH.
- Restrictions/lockdowns (not/not shelter in place) have been proactively put in place at some locations in Ottawa - this is good practice in these incidences.

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ASYLUM SEEKERS

- Reports of a renewed stream of migrants seeking refuge in Canada after a 20 month ban, lifted on November 21 2021.
- Increase in migrants are being reported at the Lacolle, QC port of entry.

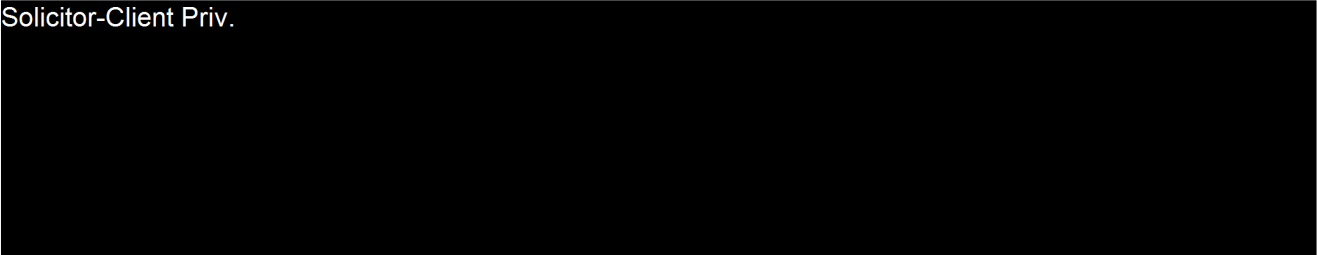
NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN

- No critical impacts are being felt at this time.

SPRING FLOODING IN CANADA

- The GOC will issue its Initial Planning Guidance on 17 Jan.
- A national Risk Assessment and Plan are expected to be finalized and shared in early March.
- Public Safety's Critical Infrastructure (CI) Directorate is conducting a CI Impact Assessment with CI owners/operators, P/T governments and Federal institutions with CI responsibilities.

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UKRAINE

- Minister of National Defence, Anita Anand, arrived in Kyiv on 30 Jan, to meet with top Ukrainian officials.
- On 30 Jan, Canada is temporarily withdrawing all non-essential staff from its Embassy in Kyiv. This is in addition to the 25 Jan order for all family members of diplomatic staff stationed in Ukraine to leave the country.
- GAC has updated its travel guidance, advising Canadians to avoid non-essential travel due to ongoing Russian threats and military buildup in and around the country.
- On 26 Jan, the N4 (Ukraine, Russia, Germany, France) agreed to a joint communique following a meeting in Paris during which they underlined their support for the “unconditional observance of the cease fire and full adherence to the measures to strengthen the cease fire.” The sides also agreed to meet again in two weeks in Berlin.
- On 26 Jan, the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, joined the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister to announce \$340 million for immediate support to Ukraine and for the extension and expansion of Operation UNIFIER, the Canadian Armed Forces’ military training and capacity-building mission in Ukraine.

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